

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments is courteously solicited.

With respect to the drawing objections raised by the examiner on Page 2 paragraphs 1 and 2 of the examiner's action, Applicant submits herewith proposed new drawings of Figures 3 and 9. Figure 3 has been corrected to refer to Figure 3a and Figure 3b. Figure 9 has been corrected by adding the appropriate reference numeral to the lead line. Finally, the reference to reference numeral 23 has been deleted from the specification. In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that the drawings now comply with all formal requirements.

The specification has been amended as follows. The Brief Description of the Drawings has been amended so as to refer to the corrected Figure 3a and 3b. In addition, the reference numeral 23 has been deleted from Page 4 line 19 of the specification. Finally, the specification has been amended to be consistent with the drawings and correct inadvertent grammatical errors. No new matter has been added.

Claim 1 has been cancelled in favor of new claims 2-10. It is respectfully submitted that claims 2-10 comply with the formal requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and define over the cited prior art references.

Independent claim 2 sets forth with specificity the details of the safety device and the location of same within the hammer of the revolver. In this regard the examiner's attention is directed to, for example, Figures 2 and 5 of the instant application. None of the references cited by the examiner teach, disclose, suggest or render obvious the details of the safety device as set forth in independent claim 2. In addition, it is submitted that dependent claims 3-10 contain patentable merit in their own right. The details of the locking pin and the relationship of same with the cylindrical retentive pin as claimed in dependent claim 3 is not shown or taught by the prior art references. The details of the head portion of the locking pin as set forth in dependent claims 4 and 5 which receive a key for rotating the locking pin is not at all taught by the prior art references. The details of the locking pin set forth in dependent claim 6 and 7 are likewise not shown. The depression means and corresponding stopping pin as well as the curved groove of the hammer set forth in dependent claims 8 and 9 are not shown by the prior art. Finally, the location of the depression with respect to a helicodal groove on the locking pin as claimed in dependent claim 10 is not shown.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that all of the claims as pending patentably define over the art of record and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it
is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit
Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

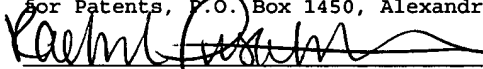
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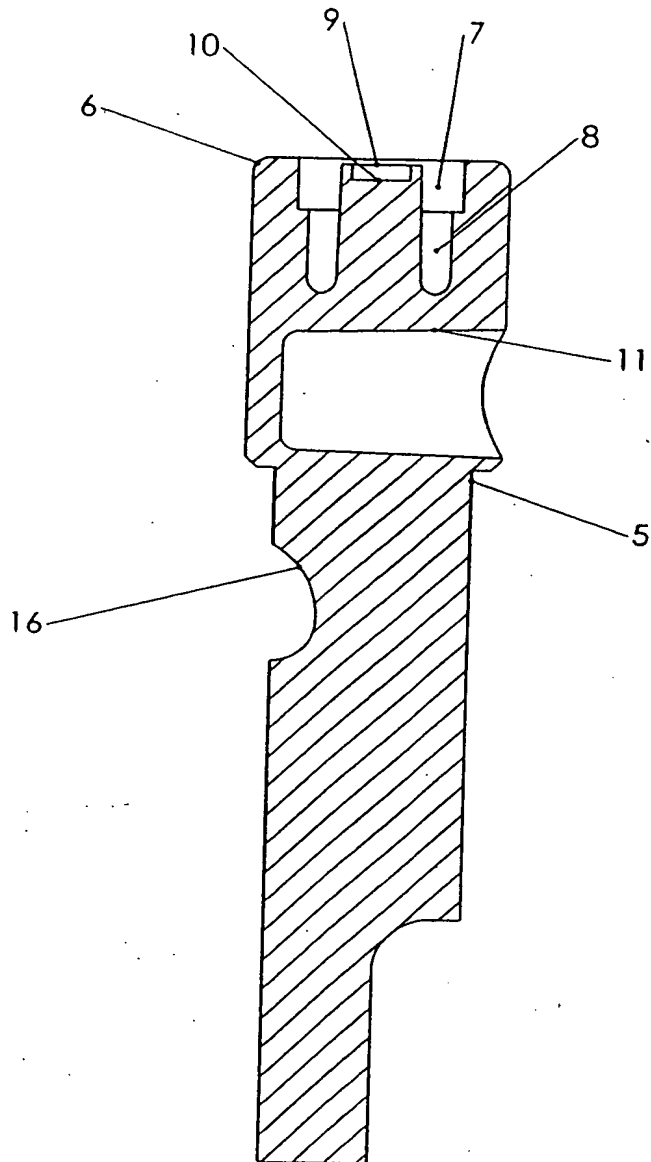


FIG. 3A

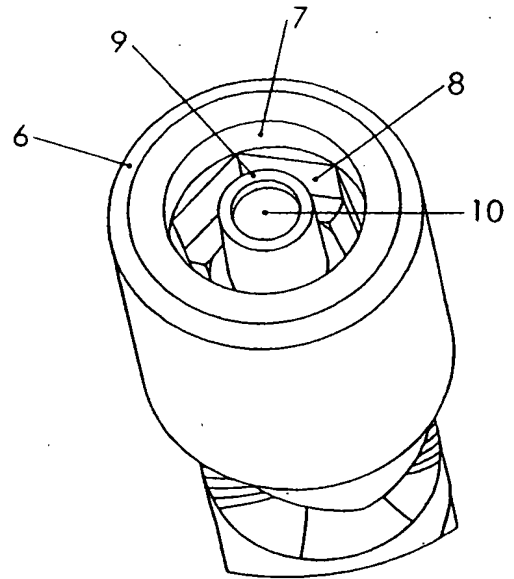


FIG. 3B

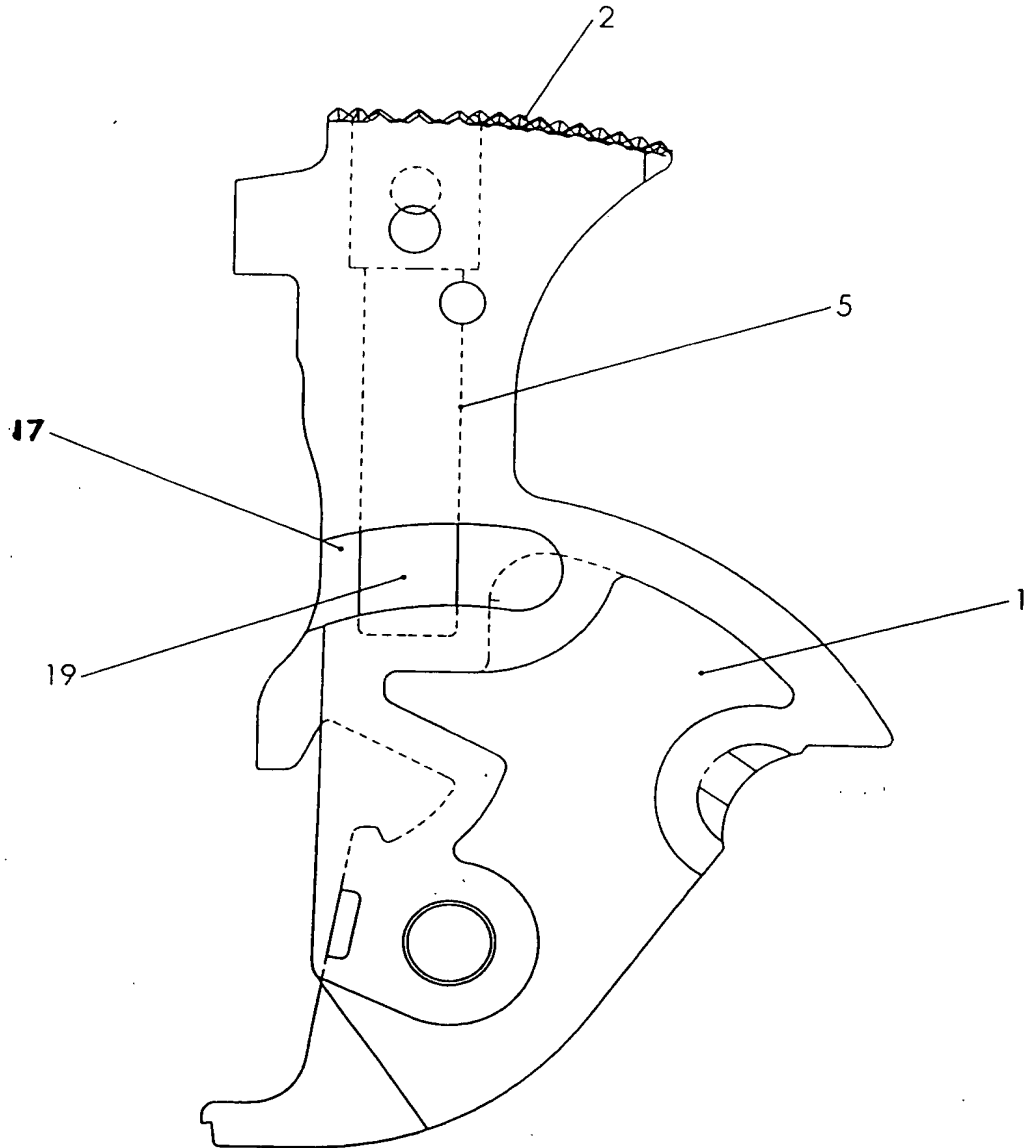


FIG. 9